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Port Security Information Bulletin

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SECURE LIBERTY II Drill

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The purpose of this PSIB is to inform local port stakeholders that the Houston-Galveston Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) is conducting an unannounced drill, SECURE LIBERTY II, today for one 6-hour time period beginning with the receipt of this bulletin. The drill is designed to test facilities within the Houston-Galveston Captain of the Port (COTP) zone regulated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and their communication with the Port Command Centers (PCCs) and the Port Coordination Team (PCT).

The minimum requirements, listed below, must be accomplished by the Facility Security Officer (FSO) or their alternate, in order to receive credit for the drill:

- Respond to the DCC system with your four digit ID code;
- Physically present at the facility;
- Complete the Pause Checklist (reference AMSP, pages 197-199);
- Execute a Declaration of Security with all manned vessels moored at their facility desiring to participate in SECURE LIBERTY II. At a minimum, communicate with the Vessel Security Officer that they are familiar with their Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level 3 requirements; and
- Communicate attainment of MARSEC Level 3 to the respective PCC (simulated attainment is acceptable).

The drill will begin with notification, via the DCC system (from telephone number 480.629.0005 or 615.465.9026), of an increase from MARSEC Level 1 to MARSEC Level 3. Participating facilities may either simulate the steps taken to attain MARSEC Level 3 or conduct facility security actions as stated in their Facility Security Plans. The PCC/PCT Contact and Assignment List, PCC notification form, facility/vessel exercise evaluation form (3-pgs) and the evaluators checklist (7-pgs), can be accessed by visiting the AMSC website at <http://www.amsc-hougal.com/> and click on the flashing button labeled "SECURE LIBERTY".

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